

REMARKS

The preliminary amendment adds new claims 9-18 to claims 1-8 that had previously issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,300,810. Upon entry of the amendment, 1-18 will be pending in the reissue application.

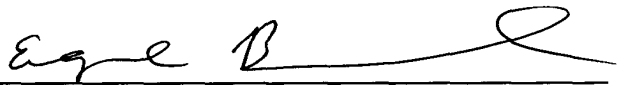
New claims 9-14 depend from independent claims 8. Support for claims 9-12 may be found at column 5, lines 3-21. Support for claim 13 may be found at column 5, lines 22-45. Support for claims 14-15 may be found at column 5, line 65 – column 6, line 19.

New claims 16-18 depend from claim 1. Support for claims 16-18 may be found at column 5, lines 3-21. No new matter has been added by the amendment.

Claims 1-18 are believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney at the telephone number listed below.

A reissue filing fee is enclosed with the preliminary amendment and no other fees are believed to be required. Should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account 50-1123.

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